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Election of six members of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Executive Board of the World Food Programme has 36 members, elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and the States members of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/8, the Economic and Social Council and the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations would elect 18 members each, as set forth in paragraph 2 of the resolution.

2. The Economic and Social Council is to elect, at its resumed organizational session for 1997, six members of the Executive Board for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1998 to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 1997 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: Hungary, Indonesia, Italy, Mauritania, Norway and Pakistan.

3. The new members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

One member from African States;

Two members from Asian States;

One member from Eastern European States;

Two members from Western European and other States.

4. The current membership of the Executive Board is given in the annex below.

Annex

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME

Membership in 1997

Five seats for African States

Angola (1999), Cameroon (1998), Ethiopia (1999), Mauritania* (1997), Tunisia (1998)

Four seats for Asian States

India (1998), Indonesia* (1997), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (1999), Pakistan* (1997)

One seat for Eastern European States

Hungary* (1997)

Two seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Mexico (1999), Paraguay (1998)

Six seats for Western European and other States

Belgium (1999), Denmark (1998), Italy* (1997), Japan (1999), Norway* (1997), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1998)

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* Retiring member.